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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Agriculture, Commercial, Residential, Conservation Easement

Comment:

I ask that you do not put your transmission line SOUTH of Route 160. My reasons are:

I-198-001

HISTORICAL LOSS : all of Huerfano county has precious history – you can't put your line anywhere where it does not destroy some historical treasure. But the treasures on our land, the ghost town off of route 443, is a visible treasure, consisting of existing buildings that have been restored over the last 8 years at our personal expense. Uptop, our ghost town, is currently under consideration of being named as one of Colorado's Endangered Historical Places. It is a recognized treasure, open to the public, even though it sits on private land. Our dream is to make it a permanent asset in Colorado's historical portfolio. The transmission lines would all but end that dream.

I-198-002

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LOSS: to fund the renovation of Uptop, we have been pursuing putting 250 acre of our 300 acres under a conservation easement with one house site on it. Your proposed southern path of the transmission line would virtually bisect the land designated for the easement. Coming up our most beautiful valley, the line would cut right through the proposed house site, making a conservation easement moot and gutting the value of our land. We, my sister and I, are not wealthy people. All of our wealth is tied up in this land. The loss of this land value would deliver a devastating financial blow to us and end our hopes of fully restoring Uptop.

I-198-003

NATURE LOSS: your southern most potential route cuts through one of the two southern- most stands of lodge pole pines – the pines that are being wiped out by a beetle from Canada to Colorado. The lodge pole forest on our land is the least affected in the United States and may evade this plague that has killed hundreds of thousands of acres of pines. Putting transmission lines through it would be like putting them through a national monument.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dianne Lathrop Law

CONTACT INFORMATION

I-198-001: Cultural, Historic, and Arch (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to and mitigation measures regarding cultural, historic, and archaeological resources from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-198-002: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

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I-198-003: Vegetation (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to vegetation from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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